

and wherein the media playback component is ~~controllable~~controlled with one or more commands from the server-side subsystem to ~~cause-play back of~~ at least one of the first ~~or~~and second media resources in the order specified by the server-side system; and wherein the controlled network browsing component is ~~at least partially~~ controlled by the one or more modules to display network content.

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5. (Previously Presented) The media playback system of claim 1, further comprising a user-interface that is provided with the terminal-side subsystem of the system, the user-interface being configured to receive the user-query, and to communicate a criteria that is based on the user-query.

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7. (Previously Presented) The media playback system of claim 1, wherein the user-query identifies one or more search criteria, the one or more search criteria being elected from a group of search criteria consisting of an artist name, a media title, a genre of media, or a type of media file.

features further comprises a pause control.

34. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the user-interface features further comprises at least one of a fast-forward or skip control.

35. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the at least two or more the plurality of media resources are directly streamed to the media playback component from the server-side subsystem.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein a device on which the terminal-side subsystem is provided corresponds to anyone of a cellular device, a portable computer with non-cellular wireless communication capabilities, or a laptop or personal computer.

37. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the network used by the system includes one or more of the Internet, an extranet, an intranet, a non-cellular wireless network, and a cellular network, and wherein the server-side subsystem is provided on a separate server.

38. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein a device on which the terminal-side subsystem is provided corresponds to anyone of a cellular device, a portable computer with non-cellular wireless communication capabilities, or a laptop or personal computer.

39. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the network used by the system includes one or more of the Internet, an extranet, an intranet, a non-cellular wireless network, and a cellular network, and wherein the server-side subsystem is provided on a separate server.

Claims 8-20: CANCELED

21. (Currently Amended) A media distribution and playback system comprising:
a terminal-side subsystem ~~being provided on a terminal and~~ comprising a media playback component and a network browsing component, wherein the terminal-side subsystem is configured to enable a user-input that results in a search operation being performed using a database that stores information about a plurality of media resources, so that a search result is identifiable from the user-input;
- the terminal-side subsystem being configured to receive one or more commands communicated from a server-side subsystem of the system over a network;
wherein at least one of the terminal or server-side subsystem is configured to provide the search result as a play-list that is playable on the terminal-side subsystem, the play-list being playable automatically and responsively to the user specifying the user-input of the search operation;
- wherein the media playback component is at least partially and directly controllable by at least one of the commands that is received from the server-side portion over the network, the media playback component using the at least one of the commands to continuously playback two or more media resources that are at least partially accessible over the network, including at least one media resource identified from the ~~search result~~ play-list;
- wherein the network browsing component is at least partially controllable by at least one of the terminal-side subsystem or at least one of the one or more commands, in order to display information associated with at least one media resource identified in the ~~search result~~ play-list.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the network browsing component is operable to enable a user to interact with the system and to provide the user-input.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the network browsing component is operable with the media playback component without requiring any user-

input.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one media resource identified from the search result is directly streamed to the media playback component from the server-side portion of the system.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources that are continuously played back include an advertisement or a copyright notice.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources is played back automatically and in response to the user-input based that results in the search operation.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 26, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources that are continuously played back include an advertisement or a copyright notice.

28. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein at least one of the two or more media resources is played back from a result of a past search operation that was performed by a user using the system.

29. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, further comprising a database that stores information for enabling the search operation to be performed to identify the search result.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 29, wherein the database resides at least partially on the terminal so as to be part of the terminal-side subsystem.

31. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein a device on which the terminal-side subsystem is provided corresponds to anyone of a cellular device, a

portable computer with non-cellular wireless communication capabilities, or a laptop or personal computer.

32. (Currently Amended) A media distribution and playback system comprising:
a terminal-side subsystem comprising a media playback component, wherein the media playback component is configured to include one or more user-interface features to control a playback of a given media resource by the media playback component, wherein the user-interface features include at least a play control and a stop control, the media playback component being installed on ~~a terminal of the~~ terminal-side subsystem and communicative with a network;
a server-side subsystem comprising one or more modules, the one or more modules storing or having access to information to enable the terminal-side subsystem to have access to a selection of media content that includes a plurality of media resources that are playable over the network;
wherein the server-side subsystem is configured to directly communicate to the media playback component over the network;
wherein the one or more modules of the server-side subsystem are configured to send, over the network, one or more commands to ~~a terminal of the~~ terminal-side subsystem;
wherein the one or more commands control the media playback component in (i) providing the plurality of media resources as a playable play-list automatically upon any of the plurality of media resources being accessed by the terminal-side subsystem, and (ii) playing two or more of the plurality of media resources in an order designated by the ~~server-side subsystem~~ play-list; and
wherein in response to a user interacting with one of the user-interface features, the media playback component is configured to send one or more commands from the terminal-side subsystem to the one or more modules of the server-side subsystem, the one or more commands from the terminal-side subsystem altering the one or more commands that are communicated from the server-side subsystem.

33. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 32, wherein the user-interface

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A media distribution and playback system comprising:
one or more modules that provide a server-side subsystem, the one or more
modules being configured to access information for locating at least portions
of a plurality of media resources over the network;
a terminal-side subsystem of the system that enables a user to specify a user-query
that results in the one or more modules generating or identifying a search
result, wherein the search result includes information that identifies a two or
more plurality of media resources over a network;
wherein the server-side subsystem arranges the information for locating the
plurality of media resources into a specified order for playback of the media
resources;
wherein the information for locating the plurality of media resources is provided
directly to a media playback component by the system so that the plurality of
media resources are playable, in the specified order, automatically and
responsively to the user specifying the user-query;
wherein the terminal-side subsystem of the system includes a controlled network
browsing component and a media playback component, the media playback
component being configured to playback a first media resource of the plurality
of media resources, and to playback a second media resource of the plurality
of media resources automatically and continuously after playing back the first
media resource, ~~wherein the first and second media resources are identified in~~
~~the search result and comprise a set of media resources that are played back,~~